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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
 Appl. No. 09/314,889; Filed: May 19, 1999
 For: **Death Domain Containing Receptors**
 Inventors: Yu *et al.*
 Our Ref: 1488.0310006/EKS/SGW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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